

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A method of ~~realizing~~ creating an optical function on a component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device configured to emit a light beam, comprising:

forming a mask or a reflector for said component in a predetermined material; and exposing at least one surface of said component to laser radiation.

Claim 2. (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, which comprises a step of metallizing said component before or after laser radiation exposure.

Claim 3. (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposure to laser radiation comprises ~~embossing~~ granulating said surface of plastics material.

Claim 4. (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein said ~~embossing~~ granulating step is followed by a step of metallizing said component.

Claim 5. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising

complete metallization of said component prior to said step of exposure to laser radiation, and

wherein said exposure step comprises selective ablation by laser radiation of the metal of said surface of said metallized component.

Claim 6. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the laser radiation is produced by a laser selected from the group consisting of: a YAG laser, a CO₂ laser or an excimer laser.

Claim 7. (withdrawn): A component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 1, said component being made of a predetermined material and comprising at least one surface obtained after exposure to laser radiation.

Claim 8. (withdrawn): The component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 5, said component being made of a plastics material and comprising a metallized surface and a non-metallized surface obtained after selective ablation of the metal by laser radiation.

Claim 9. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is transparent and amber in color.

Claim 10. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is transparent and colorless.

Claim 11. (withdrawn): The component of a motor vehicle lighting device, obtained by the method according to claim 2, said component being made of metallized plastics material and comprising a surface that does reflect light and a surface that does not reflect light.

Claim 12. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 11, comprising a plurality of surfaces that do not reflect light and a plurality of surfaces that do reflect light.

Claim 13. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is a thermoplastics material.

Claim 14. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 8, wherein said plastics material is a thermosetting material.

Claim 15. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined material is a metal.

Claim 16. (withdrawn): The component according to claim 15, wherein said metal is aluminum.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method comprising:
providing a component of a motor vehicle indicating or lighting device adapted to emit a light beam; and
exposing at least one surface of said component to laser radiation to ~~realize~~ create an optical function on said component.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method according to claim 17, wherein surface of said component ~~[[are]]~~ is textured by exposure to laser radiation.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 17, further comprising, prior to exposure to laser radiation, metallizing said component.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method according to claim 19, wherein said exposure step comprises selective ablation by laser radiation of the metal of said surface of said metallized component to expose said surface of said component.

Claim 21. (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the laser radiation exposure step provides a optically transparent light window in said mask which is otherwise opaque.

Claim 22. (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the laser radiation exposure step provides a matt zone of lesser reflection in said mask or in said reflector that a remainder of said mask or said reflector.

Claim 23. (new): A method comprising:

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providing a pair of motor vehicle headlamp reflectors using a single mould; and
selectively exposing the pair of reflectors to laser radiation to differentiate a one of
the pair for use as in a right-hand headlamp and a second of the pair for use in a left-hand
headlamp.